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ORANGE PARK MAN INDICTED IN CHILD PORN CASE

Jacksonville, FL - United States Attorney Mac Cauley announced today the arrest of MARK I. VEAL, age 31, after being indicted on possessing, transporting and shipping child pornography.

The FBI served a search warrant at VEAL's home located at 355 Arora Boulevard in Orange Park, Florida and seized two computers. The FBI discovered hundreds of images of child pornography.

Today VEAL made his first appearance in Federal Court in Jacksonville, Florida, his bond hearing will be held tomorrow. If convicted, he faces a maximum of 35 years in federal prison.

This case was investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Sciortino.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.